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POLITICALMinisters of Government on Tours

Lagos political scene quiet with Representatives at home and Ministers out in districts. Handshaking, dancing, generally mild speeches is general program. AWOLowo getting good press coverage, others without notice. *Tar Tr hub MSA ag com FROB Lu 35A Jah*

Sole Authority of Emirs in North Ended

Traditional sole exercise vested authority by individual Emirs in North now history. Previously functioning "Emirs in Council" changed from advisory to governing body. Emirs voluntarily put end to individual exercise of powers, now subject all major policies to scrutiny and decision of Emirs in Council.

Chieftainship Conflicts

Quiet political scene somewhat enlivened by two chieftainship disputes--one at Ikorudu, one at Shagamu. Ikorudu dispute finds six candidates following failure to accept Oba installed recently. Shagamu dispute getting notice from involvement Prince Adeleke ADEDOYIN of Lagos fame. Adedoyin in physical possession palace guarded by armed Hausas. Prince and two others installed as Akarigbo same day by different groups. Adedoyin without major chiefs' support but leaning on youths of tribe. Action Group considers whole thing another dirty NCNC trick.

Awolowo Asked to Support Separate Western Ibo Province

Two native councils met Minister in present tour with demand he support formation separate "Western Ibo Province" to be carved out of Warri and Benin Provinces. He advised extreme caution, promised bring matter up with Executive Council in Ibadan. Little chance for any action.

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Deputy Mayor Lagos Sues Mayor

Lagos' deputy Mayor OJIKE suing Mayor OLORUN-NIMBE for £250 damages. Ojike claims damages resulting Mayor's accusations in re corruption in Lagos Town Council.

ECONOMIC

New Government Salary Scales Postponed to August

Last August, 1951, government promised review salary scales for consideration early this year. Whitley Councils expected central Council of Ministers consideration and now insisting delay intolerable in face rising costs of living. Ministers announced this week matter would come up during August, 1951 session House of Representatives. Labor very dissatisfied with decision and promise bring to bear more pressure within next two or three weeks to compel early action.

Conference Shipping Lines Accused of Dangerous Monopoly

ZIK's West African Pilots spokesman for group charging West African Lines Conference maintaining monopoly West Coast shipping without regard rotting Nigerian produce and economic dislocation. Embargo on shipments to ports has kept independents out also, Pilot charges, leaving peanuts, palm oil, cocoa and palm kernels rotting on docks for lack transport. Charged that businessmen being bankrupted. Accusations not true as produce is moving out of ports; difficulty is poor internal transportation. Typical anti-foreign company talk by Pilot.

General Licensing Rules Hurting Africans, Says Action Group Press

Action Group press says new General Licensing system operates to discrimination against African firms. Charge Dept Commerce and Industries refusing licenses to all but foreign-owned firms. Some truth in point as government not intending license non-reputable companies and many local firms cannot show commercial stability required.

Textile Trade Slump Expected in Nigeria

Nigerian businessmen seem to be "planning" on slump in textile trade. Think local market saturated and demand will diminish radically.

Farmers' Union Wants £240 per Ton for Next Cocoa Crop

Annual meeting Nigerian Farmers' Union here demands £240 per ton next year's cocoa. Also demand compulsory destruction swollen shoot infected trees stop, claim no proof destruction will curb

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disease. Ask million pounds from Marketing Boards for development.

EDUCATION and INFORMATION

Moscow Radio Deludes NBS Monitor

Monitor at Eastern Regional Headquarters of Nigerian Broadcasting Service in Enugu tuned Radio Moscow into region's re-diffusion system inadvertently for 35 minutes recently. NBS Director Tom Chalmers said Radio Moscow has broadcast on every frequency used by Overseas British Broadcasting Company and even gave "six pips" BBC station break-signals misleading monitor who thought Moscow signal was London calling.

West's Scholarship Plan Delineated

Statement on 200 scholarships provided by Government of Western Region in current estimate made by Obafemi Awolowo, Action Group leader, in course of speeches at Warri and Ughelli during tour as Minister of local government.

At Warri Awolowo urged all those qualified -- boys and girls -- apply for scholarships to prove wrong those who were pessimistic as to the availability of material. Large numbers of people who had approached him on the subject convinced Awolowo that the materials were available. He implored all qualified to stampede scholarships body with applications.

In reply to demand for the distribution of scholarships on population basis, Awolowo said unofficial distribution was: (1) 80 out of the 200 would be distributed among divisions in region according to number their representatives in House of Assembly. (2) In case division unable utilize its share, funds for balance would be used in awarding scholarships to youths of division for secondary education. (3) Remaining 120 vacancies would be distributed on purely regional basis to all qualified to do high and sound academic and technical courses.

Western Regional Government will award about 200 scholarships in the following fields during 1952:

Accountancy
Aeronautical Sciences
Agriculture
Agricultural Engineering
Agricultural Chemistry
Anthropology
Sociology
Architecture
Arts Degree Courses

Fine Arts
Automobile Engineering
Banking
Biology
Botany
Chemistry
Chemical Engineering
Cinematographic Engineering
Civil Engineering
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Classics
Commerce & Economics
Cooperation
Education (Diploma & degree courses)
Forestry
Geology and Mining
Local Government
Public Administration
Marine Engineering
Mathematics
Medicine (also Post Graduate)
Modern Languages
Nursing
Paper Technology

Pharmacy
Philosophy
Physics
Politics & Economics
Public Health
Radio Engineering
Journalism & Publicity
Secretaryship
Social Science
Surveying
Telecommunications
Textile Technology
Veterinary Science
Zoology

Minimum qualification required from applicant is London matriculation certificate or equivalent. May 31, 1952, is deadline for applications. (Successful candidates will be placed in University College or centers of learning in English-speaking world.) Applications from students already in universities will also be considered provided financial difficulties can be proved and favorable reports are available.

Coal Corporation to Award Bursaries and School Prizes

Nigeria Coal Corporation at recent Enugu meeting decided to give annually three bursaries each of £30 per year for two boys and one girl for five years at approved secondary school in Eastern Region. Bursaries intended for sons and daughters of employees of Corporation whose salaries do not exceed £120 per year. Method of selection left largely to discretion of Chairman assisted by a small committee. Educational qualifications of applicants, length of service and financial position of parent will be considered.

Nigerian Returns as Journalist From UK

Charles J. ALLAGOA, journalist, returned from UK and is now in Onitsha. He studied journalism, economics, and had practical experience in various British dailies during five years in UK. Allagoa said in interview there was no reason why major political parties should not find agreement on issues outside local problems and that idea of rival political parties was good for a healthy democracy.

Fulani Named Senior Broadcasting Officer

Mallam Landan, 38, son of Fulani Chief Mallam Danbo of Funkui, will fill post of Senior Broadcasting Officer in Northern Region. Mallam Landan was educated in Zaria Primary School, Katsina Training College, taught in the Zaria Middle and Secondary School, and has

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been interpreter and translator for the Northern Regional Council
and Assistant lecturer in Hausa, Colonial Services Course at Cam-
bridge.

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